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My Dear Sir

Your letter of Sept last found me at Geneva some time in October. I have closed my Lectures at that place and am now with my family at Fairfield — I did not leave the old school at this place without some reluctance. The attachments formed by a residence of many years, and the sacrifice of property incident to leaving, would have kept me here had there remained any prospect of sustaining the school. But many of my colleagues had determined to withdraw, and the public had imbibed the impression that our location was unfavourable, and that our neighbours on either side were in preference entitled to legislation and professional patronage. Under these circumstances it would have been folly to have continued efforts that must have ended in defeat and disappointment.

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We have had a class at Geneva of 125 Medical Students — quite as many as we had anticipated. The location is a good one, and if the school is managed judiciously there can be little doubt of its flourishing. It is yet uncertain whether I leave Fairfield with my family —

I delivered a course of Lectures at

Castle Point Nt. during last spring. The Clasp was small — I am to go there again in March next.

I feel interested in the modification of the Galvanic Battery mentioned in your letter. It must be much more economical than any hitherto in use. My Batteries have cost me nearly as much as all my other Apparatus. Have you made your Battery with forty mugs? And if so does it answer your expectations? If an account of the Modification has been published which would enable me to construct one of the Batteries, would you have the kindness to send it to me. But if nothing has been published ~~hitherto~~ could you give me such an account as would answer my purpose? If it could be done without trespassing too much on your time I should esteem it a great favour.

I have yet another favour to ask of you, which is a letter of recommendation for my son George. Mr Lathrop late professor at Hamilton College, now president of Missouri University, proposes to procure for him the professorship of Chemistry and Natural History in the last mentioned Institution and has requested him to obtain papers from respectable individuals acquainted with his qualifications, with a view to his appointment. We should consider a line from you of essential service — Should

you think it proper to comply with this request
please address the communication to John A. Lathrop
president of Missouri University, and direct it to me
at this place. It is my wish to procure Credentials
and forward them to president Lathrop who has
just set out for Columbia Boone Co. Missouri, the
seat of the University.—

My son is now at home, but
will leave for Albany in a few days, where he
expects to spend the winter.—

I have not yet obtained
the book which you left for me at Chiltons—
hope to soon.—

Remember me to Dr Gray and
Believe me sincerely yours
James Hadley

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Prof. John Torrey

New York



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